

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 343  
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Alecia Ingram upon  
being named the Big 12 Conference's  
Newcomer of the Year and Gymnast of the Year.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young persons who, through their dedication and hard work, have distinguished themselves as individuals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Alecia Ingram, of Powell, Tennessee, is most assuredly one such extraordinary young person who is richly deserving of this body's praise; and

WHEREAS, Alecia, a freshman all-around competitor on the University of Nebraska Gymnastic Team, was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year and Gymnast of the Year by a vote of the league's head coaches after the 2001 Big 12 Championship Tournament; she is the first gymnast in conference history to be awarded both honors in the same season; and

WHEREAS, Winning All-Around honors in both the parallel bars and vault competitions, Ms. Ingram displayed tremendous commitment, talent, and athletic ability at the 2001 Big 12 Championship Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, This superb athlete, in her first season of collegiate competition, was twice selected as the Big 12 Gymnast of the week and won the All-Around Title at the Maui Invitational; her Invitational score of 39.425 tied her for the best freshman mark in her school's history; and

WHEREAS, Alecia Ingram was a valuable member of the elite United States Senior National Team for four years, from 1995 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, The University of Nebraska Gymnastics Coach, Dan Kendig, describes Alecia as being "extremely gifted," and has said, "She wants the team to do its best, and when she gets on the floor, it is all business"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ingram's athletic accomplishments are a great source of pride for her school, her teammates, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Her loving parents, JoAnn Ingram and the late Eddie Ingram, of Powell, Tennessee, have been her greatest supporters; Mr. Ingram, a well-respected Knoxville attorney, passed away this past year; and

WHEREAS, Her devoted grandparents, Lyman and Frances Ingram, of Dyersburg, Tennessee, have followed her gymnastic career with pride and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Alecia epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; her pursuit of excellence in all her endeavors is clearly deserving of the respect and admiration of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Ingram for her remarkable gymnastic achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Alecia Ingram upon being named the Big 12 Conference's Newcomer of the Year and Gymnast of the Year, commend her on her

steadfast commitment to excellence, and congratulate her on her many athletic accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also extend to her our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also extend to her mother, JoAnn Ingram, and grandparents, Lyman and Frances Ingram, our heartiest congratulations upon the success of their daughter and granddaughter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we also extend to Alecia Ingram our heartfelt condolences and sincerest sympathies upon the death of her father, Eddie Ingram.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.